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Coding for Employment Center of Excellence launched at USIU-Africa

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On Wednesday, February 1, the Coding for Employment Center of Excellence was launched at USIU-Africa in partnership with the Africa Development Bank and Junior Achievers Kenya.

The Center will provide 1,800 Kenyan youth with the skills needed to secure Information and communication technology, Information systems, and ICT services employment through demand-driven training. It will teach technical and entrepreneurial skills that are transferable across industry segments. This program is set to benefit youth aged 15 to 35 who are currently unemployed or underemployed, with special consideration given to vulnerable and disadvantaged youth.

The Center will strategically position Kenyan youth to compete for "present" and "future" jobs. Beyond skill development, the program aims to foster the development of an "innovation ecosystem" in which key stakeholders (private sectors, youth, and government) in the sector can take a long-term, integrated, and holistic approach to promoting the innovative use of digital tools to solve social problems in Africa.

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Vice Chancellor, Prof. Margee Ensign with Mr. John Wali, Executive Director, Junior Achievement Kenya and Mr. Mukhtar Ogle, Executive Office of the President, Secretary. Photo: Kahiro Muturi.

New Staff Council members formally sworn in

> By CTW Team

The Staff Council pose for a photo immediately after their swearing in ceremony. Photo: Spencer Muthusi

The new Staff Council members, who were elected in December, were formally sworn into office on Monday, January 30 by the Director, Legal Services. The ceremony was attended by the Director, Administration, the Electoral Commission officials and the outgoing officials as well as staff.

In his comments, the outgoing Vice Chair, Mr. Stephen Makau congratulated all the incoming Council and urged them to remember that they were in service of Staff, and as such, they would need to ensure that they did their utmost to ensure that staff issues were addressed to the best of their ability.

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Pictorial: Bangladesh High Commissioner to Kenya visits USIU-Africa

> By CTW Team

Vice Chancellor, Prof. Margee Ensign welcomed the Bangladesh High Commissioner to Kenya, H.E. Tareque Muhammad, who paid a courtesy call on her on Thursday, February 2, 2023. The High Commissioner is one of the keynote speakers during this year's International Mother Language Day Conference to be hosted at the university on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 from 9.00am to 4.00pm. In their discussion, the VC thanked High Commissioner Muhammad for finding time to visit the university and looked forward to vibrant collaboration between the university and the High Commission. Photo: Kahiro Muturi

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Peer Educators and Counselors Club (PECC) visit Crawford School to mark Drug Awareness Week

> By By Tiffany Marimba, Lisa Oluoch and Lydia Winda

The 8 members of the USIU-Africa Peer Educators and Counselors Club (PECC) together with their patron (Ms. Lydia Winda) joined Crawford students in marking their Drug Awareness Week 2023 themed "Tune Out Drugs" on Monday and Wednesday January 23 and 25. PECC members attended the Crawford student assembly on both days, presenting two lively skits on how students are introduced to drug use through peer pressure, commonly abused drugs especially by primary and high school students and the dangers of drug use. The Monday assembly was attended by junior pupils aged between 8 and 13years, while the Wednesday assembly consisted of senior students aged 14 to 18 years. PECC members used age appropriate skits to convey the intended messages.

Crawford students in attendance displayed an eager excitement as they watched the dramatic events unfold on stage. Once the assembly came to a close, students of Crawford approached PECC members with questions on avoiding drug use, which were promptly answered.

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PECC members with the Crawford school counselor on Monday and Wednesday respectively. *Photo: PECC/Lydia Winda*

The Criminal Justice Club Hosts Forensic Day

> By Lauryn Ojore

Some of the participants of the forensic day event (from left to right): Millicent Mudiwa, Gabrielle Mutabaruka, Saladin Ibrahim Esther Wekoto, Teddy Osoro, Shanie Rajani and Tanya Mercy. *Photo: Forensic Club*

The The USIU-Africa Criminal Justice Club recently hosted a Forensic Day on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, which was attended by club members not limited to just criminal justice majors. The event was a hands-on experience in the world of forensics and provided the students with a comprehensive understanding of crime scene analysis, interrogation techniques, and anatomy lab procedures.

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Peer Educators and Counselors Club (PECC) launches weekly board games de-stress sessions

> By By Tiffany Marimba, Lisa Oluoch and Lydia Winda

Attendees engaged in various games and activities during the first edition of the weekly board games de-stress sessions. *Photo: PECC*

The Peer Educators and Counselors Club (PECC) launched its weekly board games de-stress sessions on January 24, 2023. This is an activity that is scheduled to take place every Tuesday throughout the semester.

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School of Graduate Studies, Research and Extension graduates the 1st cohort of the Results-Based Practical Approaches to Monitoring, Evaluation, Research and Learning Executive Short Course

> By Jennifer Nyakinya

In February 2022, the School of Graduate Studies Research and Extension launched an executive short course on practical approaches to Monitoring, Evaluation, Research and Learning (MERL). The course equips participants with knowledge and skills in MERL and is unique in that it bridges the gap between theory and practice and connects to the policy ecosystem. The course is conducted at the Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced levels. It offers flexibility to learners as it is conducted virtually over the weekend. The course also appreciates prior learning and therefore flexes the entry points to allow learners to build on the knowledge they already have.

The first cohort Results-Based Practical Approaches to Monitoring, Evaluation, Research and Learning Executive Short Course during their graduation. *Photo: Spencer Muthusi*

SPORTS UPDATES

> By Shyat Lemoshira

Rugby

The rugby men's team, the USIU-Africa Martials played against Daystar Falcons on Saturday, January 28 at 3pm at the USIU-Africa rugby grounds in a Kenya Rugby Union Championship (KRU) match. The match ended 17-23 in the favor of the away team. They will be traveling to Nakuru to face Kabarak University in an away match on Saturday, February 4.

USIU-Africa Martials tackling Daystar Falcons during their match. *Photo: Eric Onchiri/Tinta Digital*

Basketball

The basketball men's team, the USIU-Africa Tigers had a Kenya Basketball Federation (KBF) Division 1 league match against ABSA on Saturday, January 28 at 4pm at the USIU-Africa basketball court. They conquered them with a 57-38 win. They also faced Mount Kenya University (MKU) in a Kenya University Sports Association (KUSA) match on Sunday, January 29 in Kenyatta University (KU). Unfortunately, they lost 38-40 to MKU at the end of 4th quarter. Tigers will have two games on Saturday, February 4: a KUSA match against Gretsa in KU at 10.30am and will face Strathmore Blades at the USIU-Africa basketball court at 4pm for a KBF Division One league match. Lastly, the basketball men's team will play against JKUAT in a KUSA match on Sunday, February 5 at 9am in KU.

The talented USIU-Africa Flames, the basketball ladies team, clashed with Zetech University (ZU) in a tight KBF division one match on Sunday, January 29 at 12.30pm at the USIU-Africa basketball court. It was neck to neck at halftime, unfortunately, they lost to ZU 38-51. The Flames then went to face Daystar women in a KUSA match in KU and beat them 40-22. The Flames will have a league match against Footprints on Saturday, February 4 at 9am and will also play against Kiriri Women's University of Science and Technology (KWUST) on the same day at 1.30pm in KU. Finally, the basketball ladies will have a league match against Daystar on Sunday, February 5 at the USIU-Africa Basketball courts at 1.30pm.

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Larry Shavanga preparing for a free throw to strengthen the Tigers' lead over ABSA. *Photo: k_hoops*

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